SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION
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Agenda item 6
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Draft conclusion proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the reports of the thematic regional workshops on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention in Europe (Stockholm, Sweden, 18–20 May 2009), Asia and the Pacific (Bali, Indonesia, 14–16 October 2009) and Latin America and the Caribbean (Bavaro, Dominican Republic, 27–30 April 2010), which provide useful inputs to the intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention.

2. The SBI invited Parties in a position to do so to provide, as a matter of urgency, financial resources for the organization of long-planned thematic regional workshops on the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention in Africa and small island developing States, which are amongst the most vulnerable regions, pursuant to decision 9/CP.13.

3. It also invited Parties in a position to do so to provide financial resources for the full-scale implementation of the information network clearing house (CC:iNet), pursuant to decision 9/CP.13.

4. The SBI endorsed the terms of reference for the intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme as contained in the annex.

5. The SBI invited Parties and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders, to submit to the secretariat, by 16 August 2010, information and views that may be relevant to the completion of the intermediate review, including information on best practices and lessons learned from the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme and on remaining barriers to the effective implementation of Article 6 of the Convention.

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to prepare reports to support the intermediate review, for consideration at its thirty-third session, in accordance with the terms of reference.

7. The SBI encouraged Parties to consider opportunities for the engagement of relevant stakeholders in the national processes related to the intermediate review.

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Annex

Terms of reference for the intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention

I. Mandate

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP), by its decision 9/CP.13, decided to undertake an intermediate review of progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention in 2010 to evaluate its effectiveness and identify emerging gaps and needs, and a review of its implementation in 2012.

2. By the same decision, the COP requested the secretariat to organize thematic regional and subregional workshops to share lessons learned and best practices, in collaboration with relevant partners, and prior to the intermediate review of the work programme in 2010, subject to the availability of funds.

3. The COP further requested the secretariat to prepare reports on progress made by Parties in implementing Article 6 of the Convention, based on information contained in national communications and other sources of information, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI). These reports will be issued regularly, and in particular for the intermediate review in 2010 and the review in 2012.

4. The COP also requested the secretariat to further enhance the usefulness and relevance of the information network clearing house (CC:iNet), in line with the evaluation report of the clearing house,¹ and facilitate dissemination of information from CC:iNet and other sources.

II. Objectives

5. With a view to encouraging improvement based on experience, the objectives of the intermediate review are:

   (a) To take stock of the progress made in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme to date, noting that this work is still ongoing;

   (b) To identify essential needs for, potential gaps in, and barriers to, the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme;

   (c) To identify lessons learned and good practices with a view to their dissemination, promotion, replication and introduction as appropriate;

   (d) To identify recommendations on further steps for the improvement or enhancement of the amended New Delhi work programme.

III. Information sources

6. Information on the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme for the intermediate review should be drawn from, inter alia:

   (a) Reports of thematic regional workshops on the implementation of Article 6, including the first series of thematic regional workshops;

   (b) Submissions from Parties;

   (c) National communications and other relevant national reports;

   (d) Information on the implementation of the programme shared by Parties and relevant organizations through CC:iNet;

   (e) Reports and submissions from the Global Environment Facility and its implementing agencies, United Nations organizations, relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders.

IV. Expected outcomes

7. Drawing upon the information sources listed in chapter III, the secretariat will prepare for consideration by the SBI at its thirty-third session:

   (a) A report on essential needs for, potential gaps in, barriers to, and progress in the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme;

   (b) A report on the full-scale implementation of CC:iNet;

   (c) A miscellaneous document containing submissions from Parties, relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as relevant stakeholders, received in response to the invitation by the SBI at its thirty-second session.

8. The SBI, at its thirty-third session, will consider the documents listed in paragraph 7 above and any other information relevant to the completion of the intermediate review, with a view to recommending a draft decision for adoption by the COP at its sixteenth session, which should include identification of further steps for improvement or enhancement of the implementation of the amended New Delhi work programme.